REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Entry of the above-amendment is respectfully requested prior to examination of the application. The above application corresponds to an application originally filed in Japanese as an international PCT application. The above amendment revises the application as translated into English to be in a format more closely corresponding to that customarily employed in US patent practice.

Please note that during the international phase of the PCT application, two amendments were filed under Article 34. The listing of the claims as revised in the above amendment is relative to the last amendment filed under Article 34 during the international phase.

If there are any questions, please contact the undersigned attorney for applicant.

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